

Health Care Assistant Certification Education Requirements for Categories A through F

Washington Administrative Code, chapter 246-826, specifically, [WAC 246-826-130](#) through [WAC 246-826-180](#) identify categories A through F. Each category identifies the education, work experience, and training required for the specific category.

The Department of Health requires an **official** transcript.

Note: If your transcripts do not clearly identify that you have taken all of the required courses, provide course description(s) identifying which classes in your transcripts covered those subjects.

[WAC 246-826-130](#) Category A minimum requirements.

Category A, to perform venous capillary blood draw; administration of oral, topical, and nasal vaccines.

Education: High school education or equivalent. No additional education is required.

[WAC 246-826-140](#) Category B minimum requirements.

Category B, to perform arterial blood draw; administration of oral, topical, and nasal vaccines.

Education: Minimum high school education or equivalent with additional education to include but not be limited to anatomy, physiology, concepts of asepsis, and microbiology.

[WAC 246-826-150](#) Category C minimum requirements.

Category C, to perform intradermal (including skin tests), subcutaneous, and intramuscular injections for diagnostic agents; administration of oral, topical, and nasal vaccines and approved drugs restricted to topical, rectal, oral, otic, ophthalmic, or inhaled routes.

Education: One academic year of formal education at the post-secondary level. Education shall include, but not be limited to, anatomy, physiology, basic pharmacology, concepts of asepsis, and microbiology.

[WAC 246-826-160](#) Category D minimum requirements.

Category D, to perform intravenous injections for diagnostic agents; administration of oral, topical, and nasal vaccines.

Education: Two academic years of formal education at the post-secondary level. Education shall include, but not be limited to, anatomy, physiology, basic pharmacology, mathematics, chemistry, concepts of asepsis, and microbiology.

WAC 246-826-170 Category E minimum requirements.

Category E, to perform intradermal (including skin tests), subcutaneous, and intramuscular injections for therapeutic agents; administration of oral, topical, and nasal vaccines and approved drugs restricted to topical, rectal, oral, otic, ophthalmic, or inhaled routes.

Education: One academic year of formal education at the post-secondary level. Education shall include, but not be limited to, anatomy, physiology, pharmacological principles and medication administration, mathematics, concepts of asepsis, and microbiology.

WAC 246-826-180 Category F minimum requirements.

Category F, to perform intravenous injections for therapeutic agents; administration of oral, topical, and nasal vaccines.

Education: Two academic years of formal education at the post-secondary level. Education shall include, but not be limited to, anatomy, physiology, pharmacological principles and medication administration, mathematics, chemistry, concepts of asepsis, and microbiology.